



RAPID PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT: FACE MASK RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing updated recommendations for face mask use to prevent COVID-19 transmission in light of recent changes to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. There is no longer a statewide requirement to wear a face mask in many settings. However, MDHHS **strongly recommends** that individuals wear face masks in the situations outlined below.

Individuals who are ***not yet fully vaccinated*** MUST wear face masks at all times when participating in all indoor gatherings – in residential, non-residential, and public settings. For more information on **face mask requirements**, please review the current [MDHHS Gatherings and Face Mask Order](#).

Recommended Face Mask Use in Outdoor Settings

Individuals who are ***not yet fully vaccinated*** should wear a face mask when:

- In **crowded outdoor settings and events**, such as a live performance, parade, or sports event (including youth athletic events if you are not socially distanced).
- **Participating in outdoor contact sports.**
- In **Residential Care Facilities**, including nursing homes, adult foster care and homes for the aged.
 - Fully vaccinated healthcare personnel should continue to wear face masks at work, except while dining, socializing together or conducting in-person meetings in break rooms. If unvaccinated healthcare personnel are present, everyone should wear face masks.
 - Fully vaccinated residents should wear face masks during group activities when unvaccinated individuals are present.
- In **outdoor congregate settings**, including jails, prisons, migrant worker housing, homeless shelters, etc.
 - The settings listed here are higher risk due to data regarding previous outbreaks and transmission in congregate settings.
 - As of now CDC congregate setting guidance remains unchanged. Facilities should continue to follow CDC guidance.

- Specifically, MDHHS recommends masking to continue for unvaccinated residents of migrant worker housing.

All individuals – regardless of vaccination status – should wear a face mask when:

- In **outdoor congregate settings** where a COVID-19 outbreak is underway (with a new case in the past 14 days), including long-term care facilities (LTCFs), jails, prisons, migrant worker housing, and homeless shelters.

Recommended Face Mask Use in Indoor Settings

All individuals – regardless of vaccination status – should wear a mask when in:

- **Classrooms**
 - Because most students remain unvaccinated, schools and childcare providers should continue to follow the COVID-19 prevention strategies outlined in the current version of the CDC's Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools for at least the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic school year, including masking when indoors.
- **Participating in indoor contact sports.**
- **Residential Care Facilities**, including nursing homes, adult foster care and homes for the aged.
 - Fully vaccinated healthcare personnel should continue to wear face masks at work, except while dining, socializing together, or conducting in-person meetings in break rooms. If unvaccinated healthcare personnel are present, everyone should wear face masks.
 - Fully vaccinated residents should wear face masks during group activities when unvaccinated individuals are present.
- **Other indoor congregate settings**, including jails, prisons, migrant worker housing, homeless shelters, childcare institutions (CCIs), etc.
 - The settings listed here are higher risk due to data regarding previous outbreaks and transmission in congregate settings.
 - As of now CDC congregate setting guidance remains unchanged. Facilities should continue to follow CDC guidance.
 - Specifically, MDHHS recommends universal masking to continue for residents of migrant worker housing.
- **Healthcare Facilities**, such as hospitals, ambulatory care settings and surgical centers.
 - As of now CDC healthcare guidance remains unchanged. Facilities should continue to follow CDC guidance.
- **Public Transportation**, including planes, buses, and trains.

- CDC guidance also recommends all travelers wear masks in transportation hubs, such as airports and stations.

As the epidemiology of COVID-19 around the country and the state of Michigan evolves, MDHHS will continue to review and update this guidance.

For the latest information on Michigan's response to COVID-19, please visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. You may also call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or email COVID19@michigan.gov.